

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An element mapping unit that generates a distribution image of an element contained in an object to be analyzed on the basis of the energy spectrum of the electron beam transmitted through the object to be analyzed and the irradiation position of the electron beam on the object to be analyzed; comprising of

an accelerating tube that accelerates the electron beam transmitted through the object to be analyzed;

an electron spectrometer that analyzes into spectrum the energy of the electron beam transmitted through the object to be analyzed;

an electron beam detector that detects the intensity of the electron beam; and

a control unit that controls the accelerating tube so that the electron beam, which has lost specific energy corresponding to the element to be analyzed, enters into a fixed position in the electron beam detector;

and detects the element to be analyzed on the basis of the intensity of the electron beam within a predetermined energy range out of those electron beam intensities detected above.

2. An element mapping unit according to Claim 1, wherein

the control unit contains a storage section that stores in memory the acceleration voltage for accelerating the electron beam that has lost specific energy and the

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a review of the literature on the topic. It starts with a general overview of the field, followed by a more detailed discussion of the specific issues at hand. The second part of the paper presents the results of the study, which are then discussed in the context of the existing literature. Finally, the paper concludes with some thoughts on the implications of the findings and suggestions for future research.

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the control unit detects the 1st electron beam intensity detected by the electron beam detecting section corresponding to the 1st energy range and the 2nd electron beam intensity detected by the electron beam detecting section corresponding to the 2nd energy range on the basis

of the stored 1st energy range and 2nd energy range;

the computation section divides the 1st electron beam intensity by the 2nd electron beam intensity so as to detect the element to be analyzed.

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5. An element mapping unit according to Claim 2, wherein the electron beam detector contains multiple electron beam detecting sections corresponding to the electron beam energy;

the storage section stores the 1st energy range, which is a range including the core loss energy and core loss peak, and the 2nd and 3rd energy ranges, which are two ranges each smaller than the core loss energy, out of an inner shell electron energy loss spectrum of the element to be analyzed;

the control unit detects the 1st electron beam intensity detected by the electron beam detecting section corresponding to the 1st energy range, 2nd electron beam intensity detected by the electron beam detecting section corresponding to the 2nd energy range, and 3rd electron beam intensity detected by the electron beam detecting section corresponding to the 3rd energy range on the basis of the stored 1st energy range, 2nd energy range, and 3rd energy range;

the computation section acquires the background intensity of the 1st energy range in accordance with the 2nd electron beam intensity and 3rd electron beam intensity,

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energy loss spectrum of the element to be analyzed;

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energy loss spectrum of the element to be analyzed;

the control unit detects the plasmon loss intensity of
the electron beam detected by the electron beam detector
corresponding to the plasmon energy range on the basis of
the stored plasmon loss energy range; and

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analyzed on the basis of the detected plasmon loss
intensity.

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electron beam intensity in a predetermined energy range out
of the detected 1st electron beam intensities;

when the 2nd element to be analyzed is inputted from the outside,

controls the accelerating tube so that the 2nd electron beam, which has lost specific energy corresponding to the 2nd element to be analyzed, enters into a fixed position in the electron beam detector; and

detects the 2nd element on the basis of the 2nd electron beam intensity in a predetermined energy range out of the detected 2nd electron beam intensities;

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8. A scanning transmission electron microscope, equipped with the element mapping unit according to Claim 1 or Claim 8, that irradiates electron beams onto an object to be analyzed and supplies the electron beams, which have transmitted through the object to be analyzed, to the element mapping unit.

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9. An element mapping method that generates a distribution image of an element contained in an object to be analyzed on the basis of the energy spectrum of the electron beam transmitted through the object to be analyzed and the irradiation position of the electron beam on the object to be analyzed; including

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a step for irradiating electron beams onto the object to be analyzed;

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a step for accelerating the electron beam transmitted through the object to be analyzed;

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the step for detecting the element includes a step for detecting the element to be analyzed on the basis of the intensity of the electron beam within a predetermined energy range out of those electron beam intensities detected above.

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